



NEWSLETTER

Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness

CREATING A **SAFER** SANTA ROSA

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No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. - Aesop

NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

We can do no great things -- only small things with great love. --Mother Teresa

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give". -- Winston Churchill

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Individual member - Wallis Mahute

Christian Life Church on Avalon <http://christianlifechurchfl.com/>

WE HAVE A NEED

Someone in need is looking for a used washer and dryer. If you can assist, please contact:
Gabriel Vargas, Mision Casa 850-2612-2358

WORLDS OF POSSIBILITIES JOB FAIR ON 4/29

Attached is a promotional flyer for our upcoming Worlds of Possibilities Job Fair. This event will be held on April 29th at the Pensacola Bay Center from 2-6 p.m.

Brittany B. Callahan Outreach Representative Workforce Escarosa, Inc.
Office: 850-607-8797 Email: bcallahan@escarosa.org



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FAMILY PROMISE SPRING SALE

It's time again for Family Promise's Spring Sale! Family Promise will have it's Spring Sale on Saturday, April 20, at Milton Storage Center from 8am-3pm. Admission fee is \$3 and we will be accepting debit/credit cards, cash and local checks. We would appreciate all the help you can give spreading the word to the community. It's going to be a great one! The flyer is attached and if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask. We thank you so much for your continued support of Family Promise of Santa Rosa and can't wait to see everyone at the sale!

Stephanie Payne, Board of Directors
Family Promise of Santa Rosa

www.familypromisesrc.org

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Family-Promise-Santa-Rosa/273380787231>



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BRING FLYERS TO RUBY TUESDAY TO HELP UNITED WAY

Support a local business and charity at the same time, aka 'two-fer's by bringing [flyers](#) to either Ruby Tuesday in Pace or Tiger Point.

United Way Days at Ruby Tuesday are: April 16th and 23rd One [flyer](#) needed per guest check.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to host their monthly meetings or after hours events at either Ruby Tuesday in Pace or Tiger Point to help support United Way. Ruby

Tuesday will donate 20 percent of your dine in, takeout or catering purchase to United Way Santa Rosa.

UWSR's mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Santa Rosa County community. The organization supports 15 health and human service agencies that support local residents and provides its own services including volunteer services, information and referral services and various drives for school supplies, coats, and holiday toys. Through its programs and agencies, UWSR impacts the lives of more than 38,000 Santa Rosans.

FOOD DRIVE

PACK THE PODS

BENEFITING



Ellyson Industrial Park's 1st Annual Pack The PODS

May 6-10 | 7am - 6pm

What we are doing

We want to fill a PODS storage container with as many non-perishable food items as we can, and **we need your help!**

By giving to this food drive you will be helping Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Manna Food Pantries, and Waterfront Rescue Mission provide over **100,000 meals annually** to those who are in need.

Where you can find us

We will have the PODS container along side Copter Road in Ellyson Field from May 6-10.

Our Goal

Our goal is simple. We want to collect at least **10,000 non-perishable food items** in one week. It may sound like a lot but with your help we can achieve this goal.

Your Prize

Along with the satisfaction you will receive by giving to those who are less fortunate, you will have an opportunity to **win an iPad**. For every five items that you give, you will receive one raffle ticket and a chance for your name to be drawn on the final day.

On the last day, **Total Employee Leasing (TEL)** will announce the winner on their website: **totalc.com/pack-the-pods**

Keep track of the PODS progress at: totalc.com/pack-the-pods

AMERICAN RED CROSS FLIP FLOP FLING

The American Red Cross provides assistance to disaster victims. In our four counties last year we help 200 families because of just because of house fires alone. In addition the June floods left 172 family's homeless needing our assistance. Yes we also sent over 1000 emergency messages to service members for family emergencies. We do not receive federal funding. Everything we do is made possible because of volunteers and donations. The American Red Cross of Northwest Florida is hosting its' largest fund raising event of the year: FLIP FLOP FLING 2013! Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 2nd, 6:00-9:00pm, at the beautiful Pensacola Country Club.

Fun activities (Best Flip Flop Contest & Most Outrageous Hawaiian Shirt) and exciting auction items (Southwest Airline Tickets, Vacation Get- Aways, Fine Dining Gift Certificates) are a few of the activities we have planned for this event. There's still time for you to purchase your tickets for this fun-filled evening. For ticket information, event details or just to make a donation, please email joy.tompkins@redcross.org. May. Tickets are only \$75. <http://www.redcross-nwfl-events.com/>

NEW VOLUNTEER CHAPTER ORIENTATION –

This orientation to the local chapter will allow you to meet other volunteers, learn about new opportunities and see how you fit into the big picture. The second Thursday of every month and will alternate between the Pensacola and Crestview office. Experienced volunteers are needed to teach these orientations. Next orientation is April 11th at 6pm at the Baylen Street office. ladonna.spivey@redcross.org

INTERFAITH MINISTRIES STAR LUNCHEON



Interfaith Ministries Star Luncheon

*Music Provided by
Chris Martin*

Silent Auction

*Luncheon sponsored by
Gulf Power
Pace Water System
SAFER Santa Rosa
United Way of Santa Rosa*

Date: April 24th 2013

Time: 11:30 to 1:00

*Place: Pace Community
Center, 5976 Chumuckla
Highway*

*Cost \$25 per person or
sponsor a table of 4 for
\$90*

*RSVP to
Shirley at
Interfaith
Ministries
934-6844*

Artwork by Capri Jones



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ECOH BENEFIT: A NITE AT THE RACES



Our exciting evening will kick off with the *real* Run for the Roses, the Kentucky Derby at 5:00 pm on May 4th, followed by 8 of our races including 12 horses in each race. "A Nite at the Races" is going to be thoroughbred racing via DVD projection on a large screen.

The races are narrated using the horses' saddle numbers by a professional race track announcer. The program contains horse numbers and names of entries for each race that the horse "owners" have chosen.



Own a Horse. The cost of owning your own horse and stable \$25⁰⁰. The name of your horse and your stable will be included in the Official Race Program. If your horse wins the race, you will receive a prize (gift certificate or merchandise).

Advance Tickets

Millionaire Row \$300.⁰⁰

- Race Sponsorship
- 8 Admission Tickets
- Premium Reserve Seating
- 320 Funny Money Tokens
- Title Rights to a Race
- Winners Circle Photo

Jockey Club \$35.⁰⁰

- 1 Admission Ticket
- General Table Seating
- 35 Funny Money Tokens

Infield \$25.⁰⁰

- 1 Admission Ticket
- Lawn Chair Section Seating
- 25 Funny Money Tokens

At the Door Tickets

- Jockey Club \$45.⁰⁰
- Infield \$35.⁰⁰

SAVE THE DATE-MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS MEETING (FREE)



Invitation 2012 for
annual meeting 2.pdf

MRC-Santa Rosa will be having their Annual meeting at Andrews Institute, 1040 Gulf Breeze Pkwy. Gulf Breeze Florida 32563 Athletic Performance and Research building, first floor conference rooms A and B. 12:00pm - 5:00pm.

MRC Santa Rosa and Escambia MRC will be partnering with local hospitals to train volunteers. At our annual meeting you will learn what MRC can do for area hospitals and how to respond.

Keynote Speaker: Dr Rodney Hagerman DO, MPH, MSHS, CDR MC USN UMO/
DMO/SMO/SWMDO/FS Family Physician, underwater Nuclear Submarine Doctor Pensacola NAS will present ionizing radiation, sources, and transition into medical effects secondary to exposure.

FREE lunch catered by LEGENDS CAF'E! First responders, Fire Departments, Dr's, Nurses are all welcome to attend!! Pass the word on!

Please RSVP by 4/19/13 850 983-5200 X 166 or by email Peggy_Armstrong@doh.state.fl.us

PACE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!!!

This is a Special Invitation to join us for our 14th Annual Pace Area Chamber Golf Tournament to be held at Stonebrook Golf Course on April 26th, 2013, shotgun start at 12:00. We sincerely hope that you can join us this year for a great Tournament and a day filled with fun.

Our tournament has become one of the more popular events of the area and our field fills up quickly. Call us today to make your reservations. We can invoice you later. If you do not have all your team in place yet, reserve your spot today and get those names to us later.

We expect a great turnout, as always, with great prizes, great food and great competition..., and we want you to be a part of the fun.

We have Sponsorship spots available and we also encourage everyone to take advantage of the great Tee Sign offers as well as other spots in the Tournament. We invite donations of prizes and items for the goody-bags. This is a wonderful advertising benefit through your participation in this event.

We are anticipating a highly successful and well-attended outing. The available team slots will fill well in advance of the tournament. Show your friends, neighbors and colleagues your company's commitment to quality leadership and become a sponsor. We are offering various levels of sponsorships. Please see the attached sponsor form for more information.

We thank you in advance for your support.
DON'T DELAY... contact us today!!!!!! 994-9633

ANNUAL MEETING

The SAFER Santa Rosa Annual meeting sponsored by Interfaith Ministries is on the 25th of April from 11am-1pm. Lunch will be served. The location is:
4115 Soundside Drive (off of 98) (map to location) <http://mapq.st/12a6ChK>
Please RSVP to me at safer@santarosa.fl.gov

SAFER SANTA ROSA 2013 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! THE DATE FOR THE HOME TOWN CONTRACTORS/SAFER SANTA ROSA 2013 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EXPO HAS BEEN SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013 AT THE GULF BREEZE RECREATION CENTER ON SHORELINE DRIVE IN GULF BREEZE.

YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT IS VALUED AND APPRECIATED.



TO BE A VENDOR CONTACT: Brenda Roland brsvpsantarosa@mchsi.com (850) 983-5220

INFORMATION

When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die. - Eleanor Roosevelt

LOCAL MARKET NEEDS LOCAL FARMERS

~ Local growers encouraged to participate in nutrition program~

The Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County WIC program is seeking local farmers to participate in the USDA annual Farmer's Market Nutrition Program scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., May 2 through July 30, 2013, in the parking lot of the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County Milton location at 5527 Stewart Street. .

Last year, more than 650 WIC participants and consumers took advantage of the Farmer's Market program, which helped raise awareness and revenues for local producers.

The program is an excellent way for local growers to reach additional customers.

"This program benefits farmers by expanding the base of consumers who shop at community farmers' markets," said Carl Penn, Division Representative with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "It also benefits consumers who can easily purchase locally grown fresh produce."

Fresh fruits and vegetables are important to good health and the number of customers seeking a convenient way to buy fresh produce is growing. The program is seeking additional vendors to meet the anticipated growth in consumer participation.

"This year, we're expecting an even larger turnout," said Dede Barrett, with the Florida Department of Health WIC program. "There is no cost to participate and our staff can help new vendors with the easy registration process," Barrett said.

Interested farmers can contact Dede Barrett at (850) 983-5250.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, popularly known as WIC, provides supplemental foods, health care referrals and nutrition education at no cost to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding post-partum women, and to infants and children up to 5 years of age, who are found to be at nutritional risk.

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK IS APRIL 20-27

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States.

During the last week in April, hundreds of communities across the United States will join those in countries around the world to celebrate the critical role vaccination plays in protecting our children, communities, and public health. NIIW will be celebrated this year simultaneously with World Immunization Week, an initiative of the World Health Organization.

Immunization is a shared responsibility. Families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials must work together to help protect the entire community.

Young children rely on the champions in their lives to keep them safe and healthy. Those champions may be parents who keep a record of their child's vaccinations and ask at each doctor appointment whether their child is up-to-date on immunizations. And, those champions may also be doctors, nurses, physician assistants, and other healthcare professionals who share scientifically-accurate, up-to-date information about vaccines with parents.

Because of the success of vaccines in preventing disease, parents may not have heard of some of today's vaccines or the serious diseases they prevent. These diseases can be especially serious for infants and young children. That is why it is important to promote the recommended immunization schedule to protect infants and children by providing immunity early in life, before they are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. One example of the seriousness of vaccine-preventable diseases is the increase in whooping cough (pertussis) cases or outbreaks that have been reported in a majority of states during 2012. Preliminary data from CDC reports more than 41,000 cases of whooping cough (pertussis) in the US, including 18 deaths, the highest number of pertussis cases in any one year in the US since 1955. Most of these deaths were in children younger than 1 year old. Provisional data indicates Florida had 577 confirmed and probable cases of pertussis in 2012. Santa Rosa County reported two confirmed cases of pertussis in 2012.

Immunizations are available at the Florida Department of Health in Santa Rosa County at no charge for uninsured children through the age of 18.

For more information on infant immunizations, visit
<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/index.html>

HOMELESS VETERAN OUTREACH

A Veterans Affairs Representative will be at the Pensacola One-Stop on the following dates to assist homeless veterans and those veterans who may be at risk of becoming homeless. See attached flyer for more details. Feel free to disseminate to your veteran clients.

April 22, 2013
April 29, 2013
May 6, 2013
May 13, 2013



Veterans Affairs
Outreach.pdf

All questions/concerns should be directed to Rachel Cain at 850-607-8727.

SMART PHONE EMERGENCY AND ISASTER APPLICATIONS

If you own a smart phone, these links feature applications for emergency preparedness, response, and recovery:

- <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/mobile-apps>
- <http://www.fema.gov/smartphone-app>
- <http://www.vaemergency.gov/News/readyvirginia/mobileapp>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-iphone-and-ipad.html>
- <http://blog.missionmode.com/blog/15-disaster-and-crisis-apps-for-android.html>
- <http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/mobile-app-for-emergency-preparedness-220792>
- http://emergency20wiki.org/wiki/index.php/Smartphone_Apps
- <http://www.google.org/crisisresponse/>

TWITTER

SAFER Santa Rosa is on Twitter.

FACEBOOK

SAFER is on Facebook, find us, and become our friend ;-). We are up to 532 people! Invite friends. *Let's keep growing this communications venue. Invite other Santa Rosans to participate.* Invite your Santa Rosa friends to join you on the SAFER Facebook page.



Use of barricades policy: Free to parades and other events in Santa Rosa County that are sponsored by a chambers or government entities (Christmas parades, Mardi Gras, 4th of July etc...) or non profits, that are hosting events that are free and open to the public. The user is responsible for transportation of barricades, AND banners advertizing sponsors MUST be put on barricades. Others wanting to use the barricades must provide transportation and rent barricades at a cost of \$5 per barricade. Additional fees may be applicable if barricades are not returned within 7 days of pick up/delivery. Barricades will cost \$8 each if delivery is required. Average rental price for barricades is \$9-\$13 each through other vendors. SAFER barricades are a bargain.

OPPORTUNITIES

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up. - Bernard Meltzer



[Formidable Footprint](#) is a nationwide series of exercises designed specifically for neighborhood, community and faith based organizations to assess their disaster preparedness and response capabilities.

[Register today](#) for one of the following three exercises:

<i>April 27</i>	<i>May 25</i>	<i>June 29</i>
<i>Pandemic</i>	<i>Hurricane</i>	<i>Solar Storm</i>

Exercises have also been scheduled for the following scenarios:

[Earthquake – Flood – Tornado – Wildfire](#)

The objective of the exercise series is for CERTs, Neighborhood Watch Programs, Neighborhood Associations, Community / Faith Based Organizations, Citizen Corps, Fire Corps and others to work as a team to become better prepared for the next disaster their community may face.

There is **NO CHARGE** for participation in any of the Formidable Footprint exercises. For additional information or to register for up-coming exercises please access the following web site today:

www.FormidableFootprint.org

A Media Advisory and Press Release can be accessed, localized and sent to your local media to assist you in promoting the Earthquake Exercise.

Pandemic Exercise - Media Advisory	<u>WORD</u>
Pandemic Exercise - Press Release	<u>WORD</u>

Stay informed regarding future exercises by joining the Formidable Footprint [LinkedIn Group](#).

Please Share This Important Disaster Exercise Opportunity With Others

IS-42: Social Media in Emergency Management

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=IS-42>

PACKING YOUR DIGITAL GO-BAG: ESSENTIAL DISASTER HEALTH INFORMATION ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

When: Thursday, April 25, 2013

Time: 1:30 – 2:30 pm (Eastern)

Who: Disaster Information Management Research Center, U.S. National Library of Medicine

There are many mobile resources and apps available to assist responders, public health professionals and others in the disaster and preparedness workforce with information needs before and during emergencies and disasters. However, loading these resources on a mobile device just prior to or during a disaster may be too late. Finding and evaluating the best tools and resources takes time, as does learning how to use them effectively and quickly. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has developed a suite of widely-used resources for mobile devices such as WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) and has evaluated and made accessible on their Web site many other mobile apps and other information resources that are useful in emergency and disaster situations. In this webinar, representatives from NLM will identify and discuss key resources that responders and disaster/emergency preparedness professionals should load on their mobile devices as part of their preparedness activities.

This presentation was originally prepared for a training session at the 2013 Public Health Preparedness Summit. Travel restrictions forced a cancellation of the presentation and we are now offering this session as a free, live webinar.

This session will be recorded and posted at <http://disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov/dimrc/dism meetings.html> a few days after the meeting.

No registration is necessary.

To connect to the webinar:

Click on <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/gobag>

Enter your name in the guest box and click "Enter Room".

A box should pop up asking for your phone number.

Enter your phone number and the system will call you.

If you cannot use the call-back feature, the dial-in information is:

Dial-In: 1-888-757-2790

Pass-Code: 745907

APRIL DISASTER TRAINING

Disaster Assessment

Date: Saturday, April 27

Time: 8:30 AM

Location: Pensacola Chapter, training room,(upstairs). 222 North Baylen Street., Pensacola

No matter what group you are working with during a disaster response, (Mass Care, Logistics, Client Case Work, etc.) it is a great benefit to the overall effort if you are trained in Disaster Assessment. Being able to accurately report what you see while in the field can save valuable time and resources.

This class is open to Red Cross Volunteers and anyone interested in becoming a volunteer.

Before taking this class part one must be taken using the new Red Cross training system, SABA. Before coming to class print a class completion form and bring it with you. Please follow the directions below TO ACCESS SABA:

1. Begin by typing the following into your web browser:

<https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main/>

2. Look under the search results for [https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main.](https://classes.redcross.org/Saba/Web/Main/), you should find www.xmarks.com, click on this.

3. A page will come up with Saba on it. Click on Saba.

4. The page that comes up next will have a heading of American Red Cross Learning Center.

5. Click on view the catalog, then click on Browse by Category, then click on Disaster Response Training, then click on Disaster Assessment and finally click on Delivery Type, Web Based/Classroom.

6. Look under Course Title and write in, Fundamentals of Disaster Assessment.
7. Under location click on FL-Jacksonville. This will bring up two courses for Jacksonville, click on the top one.
8. Click on register and you will be taken back to the Learning Center page and given instructions on how to register.

To register or if you have questions regarding SABA please contact: John Murray,
john.murray@redcross.org

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFERS ADDITIONAL SHELTER-IN-PLACE TRAINING

Santa Rosa County Emergency Management is offering three additional shelter-in-place training classes. Residents and businesses are encouraged to attend and learn what steps to take before, during and after a shelter-in-place notice is issued. The Friday, April 19 class is targeted for local businesses and will include information on developing a plan that includes employees and customers; however the general public is welcome to attend. The scheduled includes:

Pea Ridge Elementary School Cafeteria 4775 School Lane in Pace

- Monday, April 15, 6 to 8 p.m.

SS Dixon Primary School Cafeteria 4560 Pace Patriot Boulevard in Pace

- Thursday, April 18, 6 to 8 p.m.

Business Focus- Santa Rosa County Emergency Management, 4499 Pine Forest Rd in Milton

- Friday, April 19, 10 a.m. to noon

Chemicals are everywhere and a part of our daily life. However, they can be hazardous if used or released improperly during production, storage, transportation, use or disposal. Sheltering-in-place is the action you would take to create a temporary protective barrier between you and potentially contaminated air outside wherever you are – at home, work, school or in between.

RED CROSS TRAINING

The American Red Cross Disaster Action Team (DAT) responds to local disasters in Northwest Florida, day or night, including over 200 house fires each year. DAT volunteers are called out to the site and are able to provide immediate assistance to make sure the families have a place to stay, clothes to wear, and food to eat. DAT volunteers also provide information to the clients about assistance available from the Red Cross and other agencies, and can arrange for needed medical supplies to be replaced as soon as possible.

We are currently looking for DAT volunteers for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. This would be an excellent opportunity for citizens who are looking to get involved in helping their community. We would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about DAT to attend our next DAT Orientation:

Thursday, April 18th, 6:00-8:00 PM

American Red Cross Office 222 N. Baylen Street Pensacola, FL 32502

After the orientation, interested participants will have the opportunity to be added to the call list to go out on a call with an experienced DAT member. The entire process and training requirements will be explained at the orientation.

To ask any questions or to let us know you will be attending the orientation, please contact Doug Watson at douglas.watson@redcross.org or 850-432-7601.

Fundamentals of Disaster Assessment - April 27th. Details TBD. For information contact john.murray@redcross.org

UPCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

Early Response Team (ERT) Training

This training teaches the best practices for responding in a disaster area just after a disaster strikes. Learn about cleaning damaged homes, tarping a roof, spiritual and emotional care, and other ways to respond that will not cause more damage to the affected area. Upcoming trainings are:

- April 20 - Dothan, AL

[Click here](#) for more information.

If your church is interested in hosting either training session in the future, contact me, Susan Hunt, at susan@awfumc.org or 334-356-8014.

JUST IN TIME DISASTER TRAINING VIDEO ON-LINE LIBRARY - LAUNCHED



The Disaster Resistant Communities Group LLC (DRCG) has just launched a unique Just In Time Disaster Training Video Library.

The purpose of this on-line library is to provide a single, easy to search source in which individuals, agencies and organizations can access Just In Time Disaster Training Videos.

The videos found in this library cover disaster related preparedness, response and recovery training for a wide variety areas.

The library can be accessed at this web site: www.drc-group.com/project/jitt.html

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS VIRTUAL EXERCISE 2013 ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Friends and Partners,

We wanted to make you aware of the following opportunity. Please share with those you feel would be interested:

Disaster Preparedness Virtual Exercise 2013

Points of Light has developed an easy way to engage community and volunteer leaders in disaster preparedness through a nationwide virtual exercise series. This exercise series has the following opportunities to engage in 2013:

Hurricane Exercise: Thursday, May 23, 2013

Volunteer Management In Times of Disaster Exercise: Thursday, August 22, 2013

Pandemic Exercise: Thursday, September 12, 2013

These exercises are free and open to the public.

We ask that **YOU** organize your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers to lead a simulated virtual exercise to help increase your communities' preparedness to respond to the next natural disaster.

1. Click [here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page to register for the exercise
2. Mark your calendars
3. Host a preparedness exercise from your family room, office, church, or school
4. Share your story and/or experience on the [Good & Ready](#) website

NEWS (blue is new)

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead

CDC Health Alert Network, Human Infections with Novel Influenza A (H7N9) Viruses
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/HAN/han00344.asp>

Moving Beyond “Special Needs”: A Function Based Framework for Emergency Management and Planning

<http://www.jik.com/KailesEndersbeyond.pdf>

Hurricane forecast: Above-average Atlantic season

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2013/04/10/2013-atlantic-hurricane-season-forecast-colorado-state/2067953/>

Hurricane emergency managers struggle to get public to listen to warnings

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/03/hurricane_emergency_managers_s.html

FEMA head: Federal flood insurance to cost more

<http://news.yahoo.com/fema-head-federal-flood-insurance-003826628.html>

7 Tips for Delivering Effective Emergency Notifications

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/7-Tips-Effective-Emergency-Notifications.html>

Lawmakers: Small businesses vital to disaster recovery

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2013/03/14/landrieu-small-businesses-aid-disasters/1988155/>

Social Media Metrics for Federal Agencies

<http://www.howto.gov/social-media/using-social-media-in-government/metrics-for-federal-agencies>

Is There a Place for Social Media in Public Safety?

<http://www.9-1-1magazine.com/Pagenkop-Social-Media-in-Public-Safety>

Humanize It: The Impact of Social Media on Emergency Management

<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/emergency-blogs/disasters20/humanize-emergency-management-via-socialmedia-021213.html>

Resilience Meets Disaster Economics

http://www.ssireview.org/blog/entry/resilience_meets_disaster_economics

Natural disasters have unexpected impacts on mental health

<http://theconversation.edu.au/natural-disasters-have-unexpected-impacts-on-mental-health-11573>

Disaster Behavioral Health: Current Assets and Capabilities

<http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/planning/abc/Pages/dbh-capabilities.aspx>

Perceived Neighborhood Safety and Incident Mobility Disability among Elders: The Hazards of Poverty <http://dash.harvard.edu/handle/1/8088460>

Evacuation and Sheltering of People with Medical Dependencies – Knowledge Gaps and Barriers to National Preparedness <http://www.hsaj.org/?article=9.1.2>

Integration of Social Determinants of Community Preparedness and Resiliency in 21st Century Emergency Management Planning <http://www.hsaj.org/?article=8.1.14>

How to Counsel Kids after a Disaster

<http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4085/updates/how-counsel-kids-after-disaster>

Hey, Kid, You Could Be a 'Disaster Hero'

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2013/01/29/170575657/hey-kid-you-could-be-a-disaster-hero>

Episode 4, Disaster and Preparedness: Should I Stay or Should I Go?- Video
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD_FSV7i3Bs&feature=youtu.be

Zombies and Preparedness: Five tips for using metaphors in exercises and outreach
<http://freeresources.lucienecanton.com/2012/10/zombies-and-preparedness-five-tips-for-using-metaphors-in-exercises-and-outreach.html>

Woeful Success Rate in Citizen Preparedness Suggests New Approaches is Necessary
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Woeful-Success-Rate-Citizen-Preparedness.html>

Emergency Managers' Best Practices for Evacuating Communities
<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/disaster/Best-Practices-Evacuating-Communities.html>

Why Aren't Americans Listening to Disaster Preparedness Messages?
<http://www.rand.org/blog/2012/06/why-arent-americans-listening-to-disaster-preparedness.html>